

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, February 29, 2020
9:00 AM PST

Day 1 (Sat): Breezy conditions ahead of a strong cold front will bring near-critical fire weather conditions to parts of eastern CA today. Valley rain and mountain snow will bring impacts to the state from north to south.

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WEATHER KEY POINTS

02/29/20 - 03/06/20

Saturday

- Valley rain and mountain snow across northernmost areas of Coastal and Inland region Saturday will spread farther south late Saturday into the Central Sierras
- Windy conditions with gusts to 45 mph expected across the northern Sacramento valley
- Increasing winds for the Sierra late Saturday and Saturday night with minor travel impacts possible due to snow across higher passes
- Very dry and breezy weather may cause critical fire weather conditions to develop across Mono and Alpine Counties today

Sunday

- Valley rain and mountain snow showers spread south across all but the southeast desert areas Sunday
 - Isolated thunderstorm possible along with breezy conditions over the southern Sierra and southwest CA mountain areas Sunday, but precipitation is still expected to be light (0.10-0.25 inch)
 - Shower chances continue into late Sunday night for southern Inland and Southern regions with minor travel impacts possible due to snow across mountain pass areas
 - Snow levels drop to around 3000 ft Sunday for southern areas with potential hazardous travel for I-5 corridor from Templin Highway to the Grapevine
 - 1-2 inches of snow possible above 4500 ft, locally higher
 - Downed tree limbs and power lines will be possible across the Bay Area Sunday through early Monday due to wind gusts to 45 mph
 - The Kern County Mountains and Desert will see wind gusts to 60 mph

Monday-Thursday

- No significant impacts expected across the state.

Friday

- A weather system may bring rain and snow to the northern part of California as a pattern change begins across the west coast



CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

02/29/20 - 03/06/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds	Inland	Coastal/ Inland					
Snow	Inland	Inland/ Southern					Inland
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)		Inland/ Southern					
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	Inland						
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow							
Cold							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



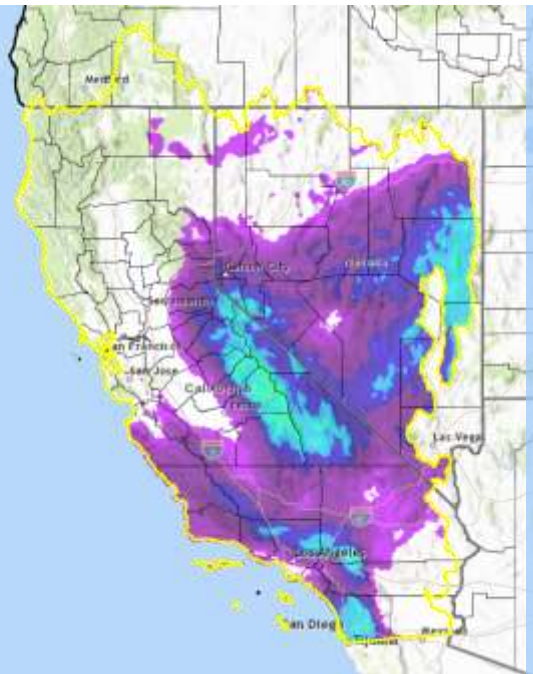
Severe Impacts

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

02/29/20 - 03/02/20



Saturday - Saturday night



Sunday - Sunday night



Monday - Monday night

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

03/05/20 - 03/13/20

6-10 Day Outlook (March 5 – March 9)

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures favored statewide

Precipitation

- Equal chances of above or normal precipitation statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (March 8 – March 13)

Temperatures

- Equal chances of above or below normal temperatures favored across all but extreme northwest CA where below normal temperatures are favored

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is anticipated across much of the state, with the strongest signal for this in central and southern CA



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